

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the service of those who sit on the dais here in the well of the House typically attracts little public notice.

But, as Members, we feel their presence each time we enter this Chamber and observe the work of these dedicated men and women. Day in and day out they serve us tirelessly, without regard to party but with full devotion to public service. Without their assistance, the House of Representatives simply could not conduct its essential legislative business on behalf of the American people. We do not thank them often enough for their professionalism, their patience, their good cheer, and the many personal sacrifices they make in service to the House.

In that spirit then, I rise to thank and pay tribute to the House's Journal Clerk, Patricia Madson, who will retire this week. Trish has spent her entire professional life in service to the federal government, nearly all of it here on Capitol Hill. Her work here in the House alone spans four decades and includes service to seven Members as well as the Office of the Clerk.

For the past 21 years, Trish has worked for the Office of the Clerk on the House Floor. In her current role as Journal Clerk, she directs three Assistant Journal Clerks who maintain the official record of House proceedings. Whenever the House is in session, no matter the time, no matter the day, no matter the circumstances, Trish and her colleagues are at their stations at the rostrum.

In her tenure as a Journal Clerk, Trish has had a front-row seat to history, and her work in documenting that history from the House Floor has preserved for all time the essential record of this hallowed institution.

Trish began her congressional career in 1969 as a staff assistant for Representative Paul Findley of Illinois, and over the next dozen years she advanced to more senior-level administrative positions for other Members. She worked in senior assistant roles at the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transportation before returning to the Hill in 1985 to consult on legislation for Representative PAT ROBERTS of Kansas. In 1987, she was appointed Assistant Tally Clerk to Minority Leader Robert Michel.

It is my privilege to commemorate Trish's long and distinguished service to the House. Trish, your dedication to your profession and your family are unmatched, and I wish you the very best in your retirement.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as domestic violence awareness month. Domestic violence affects individuals from all parts of the country throughout communities in every state, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, as many as one in every four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Whether in the form of physical or verbal aggression, this harrowing statistic highlights the largely obscured threat of domestic abuse that is tearing entire families apart.

This form of violence commonly occurs within the personal confines of the home, hidden from the watchful eye of the public and is consequently difficult to track. Some victims may often even feel too embarrassed to speak out against their partner, while others may simply be too afraid out of fear of further violence. This is simply unacceptable in any society.

We must work diligently to expose these crimes by speaking up for those who cannot. We must make resources available to help the millions of victims today who may continue to experience abuse tomorrow. Sadly, we must also mourn the losses of those who could not find help in time before the violence turned fatal.

While the people of this nation have taken great strides to address domestic violence, there is still much work to be done. Despite the tremendous successes we've seen in Congress and throughout the private sector to provide legal and financial support in the defense of these victims, our efforts must not cease until domestic violence is eliminated.

Mr. Speaker, it saddens me to hear that there are still so many victims of domestic violence among us. Yet a bigger injustice would be to ignore this harsh reality. That is why domestic violence awareness month is imperative so that we may shed further light on an issue that continues to erode the social fabric of our great society.

Until we can sufficiently reduce or eliminate domestic violence, it is pivotal that we continue to openly denounce these crimes and seek out those who look to harm innocent people and spoil the lives of future generations.

RECOGNITION FOR THE NEW
HAMPSHIRE COALITION AGAINST
DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIO-
LENCE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and take pause to thank the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for all that you do on behalf of victims of domestic and sexual abuse here in New Hampshire. The line of work you all have chosen is by no means an easy one and without your organization, the victims you work with would have nowhere to turn.

Since the Coalition was founded in 1977, it has worked to provide services to those suffering from abuse, to spread awareness about violence, while also working to prevent it. During the month of October, I wanted to take the time to recognize all those who work to end violence, as well as those who suffer from it. I commend you for all your hard work and dedication. Far too many people have suffered needlessly at the hands of another, and the Coalition's work to stop and prevent this type of violence is admirable.

I appreciate all you do on behalf of the women and families that are coping with the hardships of abuse. I wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER. I rise today to commemorate October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year, we have good reason to celebrate. Thanks to important changes to the law in the last 5 years, it has never been easier to receive the valuable preventative care that is vital to preventing and treating breast cancer.

Thanks to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, a mammogram is now one of the free annual preventive services covered by Medicare. Already 4 million women have taken advantage of that benefit this year.

For Medicare beneficiaries, a free Annual Wellness Visit means that you can discuss your personal risk for breast cancer with your doctor, and receive free preventative screening based upon the decision you and your doctor make together.

In addition, more and more insurance plans are providing free screening services of their own.

Finally, genetic testing for risk of breast cancer is available, with the legal guarantee that

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